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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration. Claims 4-9 and 11-13 remain withdrawn.

Amendment

Claim 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8-13 have been amended to more clearly define the structural relationship between the angled portions based on a recent telephonic interview with the examiner. The non-elected claims also incorporate the changes made to claim 1. No new matter has been introduced.

Rejoinder of Non-Elected Claims

As non-elected claims 4-9 and 11-13 contain all of the elements of claim 1, if claim 1 is allowed, these claims **MUST** be rejoined and allowed together. Accordingly, these claims have been maintained in this application.

Art Rejection

Claims 1 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Causey (USP 1,630,468), and claims 1-3 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Causey. Based on the recent telephonic interview, the examiner had indicated that Causey would not have taught the pre-mounting straight sections that are straight along the width direction and angled therebetween, substantially as set forth in claim 1. At least in this respect, the pending claims define over Causey within the meaning of § 102, § 103.

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Conclusion

Applicant submits that claims 1-13 patentably distinguish over Causey and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

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